

steps towards modernisation and improved road transport system in the country which include:—

- (i) financial assistance to States/Union Territories for strengthening public transport system through introduction of information technology related services to improve the quality of transport in rural/mofussil areas,
- (ii) introduction of National Permit System *w.e.f.* 8th May, 2010 to facilitate seamless movement of long distance inter-State movement of goods vehicles across the country,
- (iii) enactment of Carriage by Road Act, 2007, which effected from 01.03.2011 to streamline the process of transportation trade by road and to meet the modern day requirements,
- (iv) various publicity/awareness campaigns on Road Safety through electronic/print media including observance of Road Safety Week to make the road safer for all the stakeholders,
- (v) road safety awards to recognize the State Transport Undertaking (STUs) with the lowest accident rate record to promote Road Safety consciousness and encourage healthy competition among the STUs for high safety standards.

Apart from the above, the Government also provides road safety and pollution testing equipments, breath analysers, cranes and ambulances etc. for rescue and relief operation in case of road accidents, to States/Union Territories.

(c) to (e) Suggestions received from State/Union Territory Governments, subject experts, various stakeholders and general public on various policy issues of the road transport sector, are also taken into consideration while formulating policies and programmes by the Government. Based on these suggestions/recommendations, various reformative actions have been taken by the Government as explained in reply to (a) and (b) above for improving road transport system in the country.

#### **Development of corridors of road network in Andhra Pradesh**

3980. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any proposal from Government of Andhra

Pradesh for development of corridor of road network in the Inter-State Borders of the State;

(b) the status therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government for early approval of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposal was included under the proposed Road Requirement Plan (RRP) Phase-II for development of road network in Left Wing Extremist (LWE) affected areas. The RRP Phase-II was included in the draft Twelfth Five Year Plan. However, due to paucity of funds the scheme could not find place in the Final Twelfth Five Year Plan.

#### **Projects of NHAI in Rajasthan**

3981. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various projects of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in Rajasthan;

(b) the status of each project, project-wise;

(c) the number of projects that are being delayed and reasons for delay, project-wise; and

(d) the efforts that have been made to complete the project within the time or extended time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) to (c) The details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) NHAI is closely monitoring the progress of the works by holding regular meetings with Concessionaire, Supervision Consultant and the concerned State Government officials.